

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

### Minutes

11 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025

### Zoom

**Call to Order:** 11:05 a.m.

**Quorum Met:** Yes

**Facilitator:** Chad Greene

#### **Members Present:**

Sherryl Carter, ACCME – Adult Education  
Dahlene Holliness, Student Accessibility Services  
Michelle Kim, Liberal Arts  
Phuong Nguyen, Science, Engineering, and Mathematics  
Paula Pereira, Library  
Rossi Petrova, Technology  
Sarah Pirtle, CSEA – Media Services  
Veronica Sanchez, Humanities and Social Sciences  
Pamela Sepulveda, ACCME – Falcon’s Nest  
Wendy Thomas, Confidential – President’s Office

#### **Members Absent:**

Robert Campolo, Fine Arts and Communications  
Anne Contreras, Health Occupations  
Berenice Gallardo, Counseling  
Kari Hemmerling, Kinesiology  
Renee Le Fevrier, ASCC  
Peter Moloney, Business Education

#### **1. Approving: Minutes from March 25 Professional Relations Committee Meetings**

a. Michelle Kim requested a correction to the attendance in the minutes from the committee’s meeting on March 25. Rossi Petrova made a motion to approve the minutes, with that correction, which was seconded by Sherryl Carter. The minutes, as corrected, were approved.

#### **2. Sharing: Details About the Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony**

a. With the assistance of Monica Acuña and Monique Valencia, we had booked the Student Center for our Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony, which was scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 24. Acuña also had booked Culinary Arts to provide food and drinks for the event and arranged for the linens for the tables. (Our Most Outstanding Faculty Award winner, Chef Michael Pierini, was creating a special menu for the event.) The president of Cerritos College, Jose Fierro, and the president of our Faculty Senate, Terrance Mullins, had been invited to participate in the ceremony. Valencia had suggested that a few Professional Relations Committee members could help “break down” after the ceremony – collect items left on the tables, help put

tables back on carts, etc.

**b.** The plaques and medals for our twenty Outstanding Faculty Award winners had been ordered.

**c.** Our fellow Professional Relations Committee member Sarah Pirtle was working on the program for the ceremony, which would include photos and bios of the award winners. Chad Greene had helped edit the contents of the program for length, when necessary.

**d.** David Rincon in Media Services was creating the video to honor our Most Outstanding Faculty Award winner, Michael Pierini.

**e.** After consulting the “scripts” from the last couple Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremonies, Greene had put together a script for this year’s ceremony. He invited the committee to provide feedback on that draft script.

**f.** The most animated part of the ensuing discussion was about the proper placement in the event of the moment of silence for faculty members John Haas and David Hogan, who had died during the 2024-2025 academic year. Ultimately, the committee decided to move the moment of silence to the end of the ceremony. Greene promised to send a revised version of the section of the script related to the moment of silence to the committee for their review.

### **3. Encouraging: All Committee Members to Complete the Shared Governance Self-Evaluation Survey by May 23**

**a.** Greene informed the committee that the college was asking all of us who serve on shared governance committees – such as our Professional Relations Committee – to complete an annual self-evaluation survey by Friday, May 23.

**b.** Greene explained that one of the questions we would be asked when we took the survey was whether we accomplished our set goal(s) for this year. Greene reminded the member that, at our committee meeting in September, we voted to set one primary goal for the 2024-2025 academic year: “To recognize and reward faculty excellence at Cerritos College through the presentation of the Outstanding Faculty Awards at a ceremony at the end of spring semester.” Thanks to all our respective contributions to our committee's work this year, Greene pointed out we were on track to do just that at our Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony on Thursday, April 24.

**c.** Greene reminded the committee members that they could find the link to the survey in an email he sent to all of them on April 14.

### **4. Announcing: There Will Likely Be an Opening for a New Chair of the Committee in the Fall**

**a.** Greene announced this would likely be his last year serving as the chair of the Professional Relations Committee. He was running unopposed for a position — communications chair — on the Executive Board of the Cerritos College Faculty Federation, and the Public Executive Board meetings are at the exact same time as the Professional Relations Committee meetings: 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

**b.** According to the Shared Governance Handbook, the chair of the Professional Relations Committee serves a two-year term that ends on June 30. This was Greene’s second year as chair, and he told the committee he would be happy to complete his term – through the end of June.

**c.** Greene clarified he was letting the rest of the committee know that the chair position would most likely be available, to see if any of them were interested in taking it on.

**5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor**

- a. There were no significant items from the floor.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:50 a.m.